President.—I do not see how it does arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The Member has put a question whether the Government have any idea to have a telephone connection here. That arises when an Hon'ble Member wants it. So the Government can refuse, that is all.

Anamalais Hills.

116. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the area of the Anamalais Hills, the exploitation of which has been given to the contractor;

(b) is the Government aware that there are no outlets for the transport of that timber except through the Tramway line?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) The exact area of the Hills is not known.

(b) Government are not aware.

117. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has taken into consideration the capital expenditure, the return up-to date, the cost required for future maintenance and the probable loss in the Forest Revenue by flooding this timber in the Cochin market in fixing the transportation charges?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Contractor—Anamalais Hills.

118. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the contractor of the Anamalais Hills is a *bona fide* Cochinite?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Government have no information.

Appointments—Judicial Department.

119. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many vacancies of Judicial officers occurred in 1106 and 1107 by retirement or transfer to other departments;

(2) how many of these vacancies were filled up;

(3) who were the persons appointed to the respective posts?

(4) how many of these were appointed direct from the Bar and how many were by promotion from service;

(5) have the legitimate claims of many in the service with long and approved service been overlooked by these appointments from the Bar;

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